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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Honorable Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.
Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

The attached photostat of a clipping from the Washington Evening Star of 12 December 1960 has been brought to my attention. I am curious as to whether this article represents the views of the Department of State.

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

Attachment:

Article entitled "U. S. Finds No Strings to \$4.6 Billion Red Aid"

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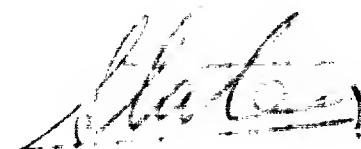
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U. S. Finds No Strings To \$4.6 Billion Red Aid

By the Associated Press

State Department officials say Communist aid to underdeveloped lands is increasing without bringing the doleful effects once predicted.

In the first 10 months of this year, according to State Department figures released yesterday, countries of the Communist bloc helped 20 other nations with \$1,349,000,000.

In all of 1958, the total came to \$878 million.

At that time, American officials hinted that Soviet technicians were being sent to underdeveloped lands as camouflage agencies interested more in spreading the Red gospel than building projects.

But now United States officials say the Communist technicians are mostly technicians. The State Department believes that the Communist bloc is not using its aid program for infiltration. Instead, the bloc is using it to create an atmosphere of friendliness and to demonstrate the high level of its industry, United States diplomats say.

Over-all, the figures indicate the Russian-Red Chinese group has doled out almost \$4.6 billion between 1954 and October 31 this year. Since 1958, only three nations have been added to the list—left-leaning Cuba, Ghana and Guinea.

Eighteen nations which received \$3,223,000,000 in Communist bloc aid from 1955 through 1959 got \$5,720,000,000 from the United States in the same period. But the United States began giving aid to these countries in 1948 and since then the total has reached \$16,020,000,000.